

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 28 hours.

Request for Comments

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Dated: August 19, 1999.

John E. Werner,

Director, Information & Management Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the Branch Offices Collection Package.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0006. Hand deliver comments to the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., lower level,

from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755; or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages). Send e-mails to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. NW., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadine Washington, Supervision Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-6706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Branch Offices.

OMB Number: 1550-0006.

Form Number: 1450 and 1558.

Abstract: 12 CFR Section 545.92 requires federally-chartered institutions proposing to establish a branch office or to change the location of a branch office to file an application or notice with the OTS. Section 228 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act requires insured thrifts to adopt a policy with respect to branch closings.

Current Actions: OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,145.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,984 hours.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Permission to Organize.

OMB Number: 1550-0005.

Form Number: 138, 138E, 138F, 1393, 1606.

Abstract: The information provided is evaluated by the OTS staff to determine whether requests by organizing groups for Permission to establish a new Federal savings association comply with